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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Quarterly Milk Production

Louisiana Milk Production

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 119 million pounds of milk during the January-March 2006 quarter, down 7 percent from the same period in 2005. The number of milk cows averaged 33,000 head during the quarter, down 8 percent from last year.



United States Milk Production

Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March quarter totaled 45.5 billion pounds, up 5.0 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 91,000 head more than the same period last year.

During March, milk production in the 23 major states totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from March 2005. February's revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

Milk Production: Selected States, January-March 2005– 2006

Selected States	January-March Milk Cows ¹		January-March Milk Production ²	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	-----Thousands-----		-----Million Pounds-----	
Alabama	16	14	64	61
Arkansas	23	21	77	71
Louisiana	36	33	128	119
Mississippi	26	23	109	97
Oklahoma	75	75	311	304
Tennessee	72	69	295	284
Texas	318	326	1,592	1,826
23 Major States ³	8,090	8,208	39,413	41,615
United States	9,002	9,093	43,350	45,521

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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